

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of this application as presently amended and in light of the following discussion is respectfully requested.

Claims 16-19 are pending in this case. Claim 1 is canceled without prejudice or disclaimer and new Claims 16-19 are added by the present amendment. New Claims 16-19 are supported by the original claims and specification,¹ and therefore add no new matter.

In the outstanding Office Action, Claim 1 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as anticipated by Nishida et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,384,674, herein "Nishida"); Claim 1 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as anticipated by Paruski (U.S. Patent No. 5,555,098); and Claim 1 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as anticipated by Moon et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,721,493, herein "Moon").

With regard to the rejections of Claim 1 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as anticipated by Nishida, under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as anticipated by Paruski, and under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as anticipated by Moon, Claim 1 is canceled, making these rejections moot. To the extent that Nishida, Paruski, and Moon are relevant to new Claims 16-19, the following remarks are respectfully submitted for the Examiner's consideration.

New Claim 16 recites in part, "said still picture additional audio file information including number information of the still picture additional audio stream."

In contrast, Nishida describes an image recording/reproducing apparatus. Nishida describes that the apparatus can read still picture audio composite data stored on a DAT.² However, Nishida does not teach or suggest "said still picture additional audio file information including number information of the still picture additional audio stream." Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that Claim 16 is patentable over Nishida.

¹See e.g. Specification at page 79, line 16 to page 80, line 4 and Figure 28.

²See Nishida, column 3, line 4 to column 4, line 17.

Paruski describes a digital disc that stores image and audio data. Paruski describes the image and audio data may correspond with each other, and may be presented together.³ However, Paruski does not teach or suggest "said still picture additional audio file information including number information of the still picture additional audio stream." Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that Claim 16 is patentable over Paruski.

Moon describes a recording medium for storing still picture information. Moon shows in Figure 2 that "still picture information" may include "additional audio general information for still picture." However, Moon does not teach or suggest "said still picture additional audio file information including number information of the still picture additional audio stream." Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that Claim 16 is patentable over Moon.

New independent Claims 17-19 recite similar elements to Claim 16. Consequently, Claims 17-19 are believed to be patentable over the cited references for at least the reasons described above with respect to Claim 16.

Accordingly, the pending claims and the present application are believed to be in condition for formal allowance. An early and favorable action to that effect is, therefore, respectfully requested.

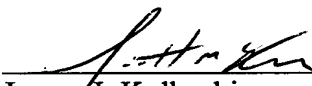
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³See Paruski, column 7, lines 33-59 and Figures 3-5.